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GENEVA FOR RMA

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

TAGS: PREF RW CG TZ BY MOPS MASS PHUM PREL EAID

SUBJECT: DOD PHASEOUT FROM RWANDAN RELIEF OPERATIONS

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1. (C) WITH THE CURRENT RWANDA/BURUNDI CRISIS NEARLY FIVE MONTHS OLD, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS MOUNTING A MASSIVE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE LIFE SUPPORT NEEDS OF NEARLY THREE MILLION RWANDAN AND BURUNDI REFUGEES, AS WELL AS UP TO TWO MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED. ALTHOUGH THE RELIEF EFFORT IS STILL VERY FRAGILE AND THE SITUATION IN THE REGION CONTINUES TO BE EXPLOSIVE, THE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES ON THE MOVE HAVE DROPPED TO RELATIVELY MANAGEABLE LEVELS OF JUST A FEW THOUSAND PER DAY. WE HAVE REACHED A POINT IN THE CRISIS WHERE MOST OF THE FOUNDATION FOR THE RELIEF EFFORT IS IN

PLACE AND WHERE IT IS NOW TIME TO FIRM UP A SUSTAINABLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. IT IS BEING CONCLUDED WITHIN THE USG THAT OPERATION SUPPORT HOPE (OSH), THE U.S. MILITARY PART (THAT BEGAN IN MID-JULY) OF OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE, CAN APPROPRIATELY BE PHASED OUT WHILE WE CONTINUE THE MORE TRADITIONAL RESPONSE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. WE WANT TO ASSURE THE MOST SEAMLESS TRANSITION POSSIBLE AWAY FROM OSH, AND TO BE SURE THAT UNHCR IN PARTICULAR, IN WHOSE SUPPORT OSH WAS INITIALLY LAUNCHED, IS BOTH FULLY INFORMED AND CONFIDENT IN THE TRANSITION.

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2. (U) SEPTEL RESPONDS TO REFTEL REQUEST FOR ANSWERS TO SPECIFIC UNHCR QUESTIONS REGARDING US MILITARY PLANS WITH REGARD TO RWANDAN REFUGEE RELIEF. PARA 4 BELOW PROVIDES LATEST OUTLINE OF US MILITARY'S PLANS FOR WITHDRAWAL.

3. (C) ACTION FOR GENEVA: AS US MILITARY IS ACCELERATING ITS DEPARTURE FROM THE REGION, MISSION IS REQUESTED TO CONSULT WITH UNHCR ON WHAT, IF ANY, FURTHER
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SUPPORT IS NEEDED SPECIFICALLY FROM THE USG MILITARY BEYOND WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN REQUESTED (SEE PARA 5 BELOW). AS NOTED IN SEPTEL, U.S. MILITARY SUPPORT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ONLY IF IT IS A UNIQUE, MILITARY CAPABILITY NOT FOUND IN IOS, NGOS OR OTHER COUNTRIES. DEPARTMENT NEEDS, ON AN URGENT BASIS, A SPECIFIC LIST OF CAPABILITIES AND/OR EQUIPMENT (INCLUDING SPARE PARTS FOR A REASONABLE FOLLOW-ON PERIOD -- E.G., SIX MONTHS) THAT UNHCR WISHES TO REQUEST FROM THE U.S. MILITARY.
DEPARTMENT NEEDS UNHCR'S RESPONSE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6.

4. (U) LATEST VERSION OF US MILITARY'S "REVISED OPERATIONAL CONCEPT" PROVIDED TO DEPARTMENT ON AUGUST 30 (AND ANNOUNCED IN THE FIELD PER DART SITREPS) OUTLINES THE FOLLOWING:

- MAINTAIN AN AIRHEAD AND DISTRIBUTION CAPABILITY AT ENTEBBE UNTIL 30 SEPT.
- OPERATE A CIVIL-MILITARY OPERATIONS CENTER (CMOC) AT ENTEBBE UNTIL 30 SEPT.
- CONTINUE A 24 HR AIRFIELD SUPPORT SERVICES AT KIGALI UNTIL 30 SEPT.
- OPERATE KIGALI CMOC UNTIL 30 SEPT.

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--CONTINUE TO MANAGE LOGISTICS OPERATIONS FOR
HUMANITARIAN RELIEF IN SUPPORT OF UNHCR AND OTHER NATIONS
UNTIL 30 SEPT.

--CONTINUE FORCE PROTECTION

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5. (LOU) IN ADDITION, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE JOINT
CHIEFS HAS TASKED THE JTF TO PROVIDE A MORE DETAILED
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PHASE OUT PLAN BY COB FRIDAY, SEPT. 2.

6. STATUS OF UNHCR REQUESTS TO DOD FROM AUGUST 1, 1994
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 1994:

UNHCR REQUEST FOR U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO IMPROVE
AIRPORT IN BUKAVU.

--CURRENT STATUS - ONE FORKLIFT LOANED BY DOD, OTHERWISE
REQUEST DENIED

UNHCR REQUEST TO AIRLIFT FIVE 15 METRIC TON TRUCKS FROM
SPLIT, CROATIA TO GOMA, ZAIRE

--CURRENT STATUS - CLOSED 12 AUGUST

UNHCR REQUEST TO AIRLIFT 9 CARGO TRUCKS AND DRIVERS FROM
ZAGREB, CROATIA TO ENTEBBE OR KIGALI

--CURRENT STATUS - EUCOM IS SCHEDULING

UNHCR REQUEST TO AIRLIFT TWO MOBILE HOSPITALS AND FIVE
TONS OF MILK FROM ITALY TO KIGALI, RWANDA

--CURRENT STATUS - EUCOM TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED THE
MISSION FOR 30 AUGUST

UNHCR REQUEST TO AIRLIFT SEVERAL FLEETS OF WATER TANKER
TRUCKS FROM MARSEILLE TO KIGALI

--CURRENT STATUS - DECISION STILL PENDING
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UNHCR REQUEST TO AIRLIFT ONE NISSAN PATROL FROM AMSTERDAM
TO GOMA, ZAIRE

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--CURRENT STATUS - DECISION STILL PENDING

UNHCR REQUEST TO AIRLIFT TWO PICKUP TOYOTA PZJ 75, TWO
WATER TANKERS AND TWO TRUCKS FROM FRANKFURT TO KIGALI FOR
MSF/FRANCE

--CURRENT STATUS - DECISION STILL PENDING

UNHCR REQUEST TO AIRLIFT FIVE SATELLITE TERMINALS FROM
PATRICK AFB IN FLORIDA TO ENTEBBE.

--CURRENT STATUS - DECISION STILL PENDING

UNHCR REQUEST FOR AIRPORT HANDLING EQUIPMENT (FORKLIFTS,
LOADERS, GENERATORS, AND HIGH MOBILITY VEHICLE) IN KIGALI
AND BUKAVU.

--CURRENT STATUS - DECISION STILL PENDING; UNAMIR CAME IN
WITH SAME REQUEST; UNDERSTAND THAT ISSUE IS BEING
DISCUSSED WITH ALL PARTIES IN KIGALI

UNHCR REQUEST FOR AIRLIFT OF PLASTIC SHEETING FROM
JOHANNESBURG, BLANKETS FROM DAR ES SALAAM, AND SOAP FROM
NAIROBI.

--CURRENT STATUS - WE UNDERSTAND FROM DOD THAT REQUEST
MAY BE BEING HANDLED IN-THEATRE BY VARIOUS DONORS.

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